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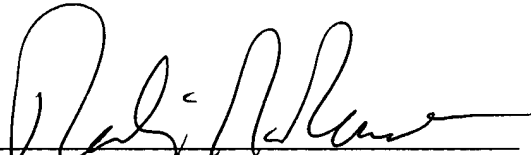
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to Claims 108, 109, 115 and 116. These amendments place the claims in better form for consideration for Appeal, notice of which was filed on December 12, 2003. Specifically, in these claims, the phrase "A load lock as set forth in" has been replaced with "The system of". No other amendments have been made to the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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